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Section:
REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT
PROGRAMS

Subject:
Resettlement Program Definitions

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DEFINITIONS: The following are the most frequent acronyms and terms a case manager might encounter when working with refugees. Please contact the Refugee State Coordinator for additional clarification if needed.

ACF: Administration for Children and Families

AOR: Affidavit of Relationship

Asylees: Individuals who, on their own, travel to the United States and apply for/receive a grant of asylum. These individuals do not enter the United States as refugees. They may enter as students, tourists, businessmen, or even in undocumented status. Once in the U.S., or at a land border or port of entry, they apply to DHS for asylum, a status that will acknowledge that they meet the definition of a refugee and that will allow them to remain in the United States. Individuals granted asylum are eligible for ORR assistance and services.

NOTE: Asylum applicants are not eligible for ORR assistance and services. The only exception is for certain Cuban and Haitian entrants. See definition of Cuban/Haitian Entrants.

NOTE: Asylees are eligible to receive ORR benefits and services from the date they are granted asylum in the United States.

ATIP: Anti-Trafficking in Persons

BIA: Bureau of Immigration Appeals

BPRM: Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration

CAL: Center of Applied Linguistics

Cash assistance: Financial assistance to refugees, including TANF, SSI, refugee cash assistance (RCA), and general assistance (GA).

CBO: Community Based Organization

CDC: Center for Disease Control and Prevention

DCR: Division of Community Resettlement

DHS: Division of Homeland Security

DRA: Division of Refugee Assistance

DUCS: Division of Unaccompanied Children's Services

EAD: Employment Authorization Document (This document is generally issued to a refugee via the VOLAG within 60-90 days of entry but is NOT required for a refugee to gain employment nor are they required to provide the document to an employer at any time. The employer only needs to see the I94 and Social Security card.)

Economic self-sufficiency: Earning a total family income at a level that enables a family unit to support itself without receipt of a cash assistance grant.

ESL/ESOL: English as a Second Language/ English for Speakers of other Languages.

FAA: Family Assistance Administration

Family unit: An individual adult, married individuals without children, or parents, or custodial relatives, with minor children who are not eligible for TANF, who live in the same household.

HHS: United State Department of Health and Human Services

HS: Homeland Security

ICC: International Children's Center

ICE: Immigration and Customs Enforcement

IDP: Internally Displaced Person

INA: Immigration and Nationality Act

IOM: International Organization for Migration

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IRCA: Immigration Reformation and Control Act

JVA: Joint Voluntary Agency

LFS: Lutheran Family Services- The affiliate office of LIRS in Colorado.

LIRS: Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Service – A VOLAG with an affiliate office in Colorado and Wyoming.

Local resettlement agency: A local affiliate or subcontractor of a national voluntary agency (VOLAG) that has entered into a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement with the United States Department of State or other appropriate Federal agency to provide for the reception and initial placement of refugees in the United States. (Montana does not currently have a local resettlement agency but will cooperate with placements from World Relief affiliate in Washington State and Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services affiliate in Colorado.)

LPR: Lawful Permanent Resident

Medical assistance: Medical services to refugees, including Medicaid, refugee medical assistance, and general assistance, as defined under title IV of the Act.

MAA: Mutual Assistance Association

MG: Matching Grant/Matching Grant Program

National voluntary agency: (Also known as a **VOLAG**) One of the national resettlement agencies or a State or local government that has entered into a grant, contract, or cooperative agreement with the United States Department of State or other appropriate Federal agency to provide for the reception and initial placement of refugees in the United States. (World Relief (WR) and Lutheran Immigrant and Refugee Services (LIRS) are two of the nine possible VOLAGS.

NGO: Non-Governmental Organization

OAA: Old age assistance under title I of the Social Security Act.

ODP: Orderly Departure Program

ORR: Office of Refugee Resettlement.

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R & P Services: Reception and Placement Services- These services are funded by the State Department to VOLAGS or Local Resettlement Agencies to provide limited, intensified services to refugees when they initially enter the county or are granted Asylum.

RAC: Refugee Assistance Corporation- A non-profit organization in Missoula Montana.

RCA- Refugee Cash Assistance –cash assistance provided under section 412(e) of the Act to refugees who are ineligible for TANF, OAA, AB, APTD, AABD, or SSI. **See TANF 1001-1**

RCM-Refugee (Resettlement) Case Management- A Refugee Social Service (RSS) Component. **See TANF 1004-1.**

Refugee- Any person who is outside any country of such person's nationality or, in the case of a person having no nationality, is outside any country in which such person last habitually resided, and who is unable or unwilling to return to, and is unable or unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of, that country because of persecution or a well founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion.

Individuals granted refugee status overseas by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security are brought to the United States for resettlement by the U.S. Department of State. Voluntary agencies and ORR through their programs assist with their resettlement and integration into the U.S.

NOTE: Refugees are eligible to receive ORR benefits and services from the first day they arrive in the U.S.

RET: Refugee Employment and Training- A Refugee Social Service (RSS) component. This component is mandatory for employable RCA participants. **See TANF- 1005-1.**

RIA: Refugee Immigration Assistance- A Refugee Social Service (RSS) Component. **See TANF 1004-1.**

RMA: Refugee Medical Assistance Program, also known as RMP. **See FMA-301-4.**

(a) Medical assistance provided under section 412(e) of the Act to refugees who are ineligible for the Medicaid program; and

(b) services provided in accordance with Secs. 400.106 and 400.107 of this part.

RMS: Refugee Medical Screening-**See TANF 1003-1.**

RPC: Refugee Processing Center

RRP: Refugee Resettlement Program

RSS: Refugee Social Services- Services include RET, RIA and RCM. **See TANF 1004-1 and 1005-1.**

Secondary Migrant: A refugee or asylee who moves to an area outside of his or her initial State Department/VOLAG or R & P Provider placement. Secondary Migrants generally have exhausted all R & P benefits but may still be eligible for ORR services including RCA, RMA and RSS.

SIV: Special Immigrant VISA

Social Services: Services include RET, RIA and RCM. **See TANF 1004-1 and 1005-1.**

Sponsor- An individual, church, civic organization, State or local government, or other group or organization which has agreed to help in the reception and initial placement of refugees in the United States and other public and private non-profit agencies, wherever.

SSI - Supplemental security income under title XVI of the Social Security Act.

State means the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, American Samoa, and the Trust Territories of the Pacific.

State agency means the agency (or agencies) designated by the Governor or the appropriate legislative authority of the State to develop and administer, or supervise the administration of, the plan and includes any local agencies administering the plan under supervision of the State agency.

State Coordinator means the individual designated by the Governor or the appropriate legislative authority of the State to be responsible for, and who is authorized to; ensure coordination of public and private resources in refugee resettlement.

Support services- Services provided or contracted for by a State, which are designed to meet resettlement needs of refugees, for which funding is available under title IV of the Act.

TPS: Temporary Protected Status

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UNHCR: United Nations High Commission for Refugees

USCIS: United States Citizenship and Immigration Service

USCRI: United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants

VOLAG: Voluntary Agency – See definition of “National Voluntary Agency”

VOT: Victim of trafficking

WHO: World Health Organization

WRAPS: Worldwide Refugee Admissions and Processing System

WRC: World Relief Corporation